

PRE-LAW



WHY CHOOSE **PRE-LAW** AT BRYANT?

Prepare for law school with the help of accomplished mentors as you study your chosen areas of interest from the wide range of academic programs offered in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business.

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As you build a strong academic record in your chosen area of study, *your Pre-Law Advisor will work with you* to discuss course options, the process of applying to law school, internship opportunities, and networking events.

Our Pre-Law program is *designed to educate you about law as a career as well as the process of applying to law school.* Our Pre-Law Advisors stay informed about current news and trends by attending conferences, participating in law-related networks, and maintaining relationships with law school admission deans and other Pre-Law Advisors.

At Bryant, you will benefit from *personalized attention*, including one-on-one appointments with your Pre-Law Advisor to address any questions at any stage of the law school exploration or application process. Our faculty offer strategies to facilitate navigating the LSAT and law school application processes.

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PATH: Office Assistant in Bryant's Academic Center for Excellence; Member of WJMF student-run radio station; Brooklyn Law School Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellow; Treasurer and Co-Chair of Brooklyn Law Students for the Public Interest (BLSPI), a student-run 501(c)(3) supporting BLS public interest students in their work to empower indigent and underserved communities; Legal Services NYC Elder Law student advocate and "Top 10 Law Student of 2015"; Pro Bono Scholar at Mobilization for Justice in Housing and Government Benefits; senior staff attorney on Mobilization for Justice's Mental Health Law Project. Currently serving on the Executive Board of the Legal Services Staff Association (LSSA) local 2320, a union representing hundreds of nonprofit legal service workers across the five boroughs of NYC.

"The Politics and Law side of my education set me on my career path toward working as a legal services attorney, and the business side of my education helps me understand the workings of the nonprofit organizations that I work with and bargain with as a rank-and-file union member and labor activist!"

WHAT SETS BRYANT'S PROGRAM **APART?**

1 *Design Your Path to Law School*

- The American Bar Association does not recommend any specific undergraduate major to prepare for a legal education, and students are admitted to law school from almost every discipline.
- As you explore the wide range of courses in both the College of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences, you will develop essential critical thinking and communication skills.
- Bryant is nationally recognized for integrating business with the arts and sciences, providing you with exposure to a broader range of ideas than most of your peers applying to law school from other undergraduate programs.

2 *Experiential Learning Opportunities*

- A partnership between Bryant University and The Washington Center in Washington, D.C., provides you with semester-long internship opportunities that have included the White House, the FBI, leading think tanks, and prominent law firms.
- Pre-Law students have held internships in the R.I. Attorney General's Office and in the court system, law and consulting firms, and non-profit organizations.
- Faculty-led trips off campus include the opportunity to learn about war crime trials in European courts in a special summer course, as well as trips to special sessions held by the United Nations in New York City.



3 *Opportunities for Leadership and Involvement*

- Participate in the Law Society, Bryant Debaters, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, and other extracurricular activities developed for students interested in legal issues.
- Engage with practicing lawyers, law school professionals, and alumni in the legal field at frequent events hosted on campus by Pre-Law Advisors.

BRYANT GRADUATES FROM ALL MAJORS ARE ADMITTED TO LAW SCHOOLS INCLUDING:

- > Boston College
- > Emory University
- > Georgetown University
- > Nova Southeastern University
- > Pace University
- > Quinnipiac University
- > Roger Williams University
- > Rutgers Law School
- > Southern Methodist University
- > Suffolk University
- > University of Connecticut
- > University of New Hampshire
- > UMass Dartmouth
- > Villanova University
- > Wake Forest University
- > Western New England School of Law

Among Our Distinguished Faculty:



ILISABETH SMITH BORNSTEIN, J.D.
Legal Studies Lecturer, Pre-Law Advisor

- An experienced attorney who helps clients and students become better communicators and thinkers.
- Graduate of Yale University and the University of Chicago Law School
- As a Senior Clinical Fellow with the WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, represented clients and supervised law students in the practice of real estate, business and nonprofit formation and dissolution, and contracts.

THE PRE-LAW FACULTY INCLUDES:

- An internationally renowned expert on the impact of the Holocaust on law and human rights.
- A lawyer who worked with the United Nations on the Right to Science initiative.
- Six faculty members with law degrees from institutions including American, Harvard, and Stanford Universities. Several of them practiced law before joining the Bryant community.
- An international scholar on issues of human rights, freedom of religion or belief, and reasonable accommodation who previously worked as a corporate attorney at an international law firm in Brussels and as a public interest attorney at the Public Counsel Law Center in Los Angeles.

Bryant helped cement my decision to go to law school. Although I was firmly committed to majoring in business, the College of Arts and Sciences gave me the opportunity to take courses in legal studies and sociology. Through these courses, I discovered my passion for social justice and felt confident in applying to law school.

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